

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 672  
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Cory Jackson Phillips,  
2005 Valedictorian of Maryville Christian High  
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Cory Jackson Phillips is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2005 graduating class at Maryville Christian High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Cory Jackson Phillips has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Cory Phillips has earned an exemplary 3.8 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, active in school clubs and organizations, Cory Phillips is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Beta Club, Drama Club, and Scholar's Bowl; he also serves as Treasurer for the Senior Class and for the Student Council and as a Small Group Leader; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Phillips received 2004 U.S. Achievement Academy Awards in English, Foreign Language, and Leadership, the 2005 Achievement Academy Award in Foreign Language, the 2004 Maryville Christian High School Algebra II and Apologetics Award, the 2004 National Student/Athlete Award, the 2005 ACSI Distinguished Christian High School Student Award for Academics, and he earned recognition from *Who's Who Among American High School Students* in Academics and Sports in both 2004 and 2005; and

WHEREAS, an amazing athlete, Cory has played varsity baseball, basketball, and soccer; he was captain of the soccer team in 2003 and 2004, and he received the 2004 league MVP Award and the 2003 and 2004 Best Offensive Player Award in soccer; he also holds the Maryville Christian High School record for most goals scored; and

WHEREAS, committed to community service, Mr. Phillips volunteers with Keep America Beautiful, the Center of Hope, Habitat for Humanity, and Volunteer Ministries of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, a devout and faithful Christian, Cory is active in his church's youth group and as a drummer for the worship team; and

WHEREAS, Cory Phillips' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Cory Phillips' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Cory Phillips' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2005 Maryville Christian High School Valedictorian, Cory Jackson Phillips, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.